nationals are evacuated to either a safe neighbouring country or to India depending on the situation in the region and other factors.

(d) Does not arise.

Posts of coaches lying vacant

2253. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of posts of coaches and assistant coaches lying vacant in different federations of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that recently the Government has transferred 450 coaches belonging to various federations;

(c) if so, the details of (a) and (b) above; and

(d) the details of federations in the State of Andhra Pradesh where vacancies of coaches are lying vacant for more than one year, federation-wise and the steps taken to fill the same?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) National Sports Federation have their own recruitment norms depending on the requirement of the sports discipline. However, Sports Authority of India (SAI) has 1438 coaches on its role. These coaches are deployed across the country in SAI Schemes, State Coaching Centers and University Field Stations. There has been no recruitment of regular coaches in SAI since 1994. In the year 1997, there were 1600 coaches borne on SAI establishment. The number of coaches had gone down due to retirements.

(b) and (c) In the months of June and July, 2005 about 700 coaches were redeployed from ineffective placements which were mostly district coaching centers that were not under the administrative control of SAI. The coaches were redeployed to look after SAI run schemes and increase the number of trainees with SAI. These coaches did not belong to Sports Federations but were paid employees of SAI.

(d) SAI does not have the details of the vacancies of Coaches in Andhra Pradesh with the Federations but recently the Finance Committee of SAI has allowed SAI to appoint coaches on contract basis. The process of recruitment has started and soon the coaches will be appointed only in

the disciplines where there is a shortage of coaches in relation with trainees in high performance disciplines.

National Games, 2009

†2254. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided by the Indian Olympic Association not to give the responsibility of hosting National Games, 2009 to the State Governments; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the names of the States which have been informed about this decision so far?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had allotted the National Games, 2009 to the U.P. State Olympic Association. IOA have stated that at their General Assembly it was decided not to allot the National Games to any affiliated State Olympic Association, where the State has brought legislation to curb the autonomy of the Sports bodies as this is against the International Olympic Charter. Since the State of Uttar Pradesh has brought such legislation, IOA have withdrawn the allotment of the 2009 National Games to the U.P. Olympic Association.

Games and events at Commonwealth Games 2010

2255. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the games and events that would be conducted at the Commonwealth Games at Delhi in 2010; and

(b) how many of them would be new events or new additions which were not in 2006 games?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The Commonwealth Games, 2010 are proposed to be held in 18 disciplines. Out of these the following 15 disciplines have already been approved:—

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